

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
SAVANNAH DIVISION

CHARLES HARTMAN,)
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 Plaintiff,)
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 v.) CV422-234
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 DEAPRTMENT OF)
 CORRECTIONS, *et al.*,)
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 Defendants.)

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

In a prior Order, the court granted *pro se* plaintiff Charles Hartman leave to pursue this case *in forma pauperis*, doc. 4 at 1, and directed him to return several forms, *id.* at 4-5. He was expressly warned that failure to return those forms “shall result in the recommendation of dismissal of plaintiff’s case, without prejudice.” *Id.* at 5. The Court also directed him to file an Amended Complaint by no later than October 21, 2022, and again explained that failure to do so may result in dismissal of his case. *Id.* at 6. The deadlines have expired and Hartman has not returned either form or complied with the Court’s direction. *See generally* docket. Because he failed to comply with the Court’s Order, his case should be **DISMISSED.**

This Court has the authority to prune cases from its dockets where parties have failed to comply with its Orders. *See* S.D. Ga. L.R. 41.1(b); *see also* *Link v. Wabash R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 630–31 (1962) (courts have the inherent authority to dismiss claims for lack of prosecution); *Mingo v. Sugar Cane Growers Co-op*, 864 F.2d 101, 102 (11th Cir. 1989) (“The district court possesses the inherent power to police its docket.”); *Jones v. Graham*, 709 F.2d 1457, 1458 (11th Cir. 1983); *Floyd v. United States*, CV491-277 (S.D. Ga. June 10, 1992). Accordingly, Plaintiff’s Complaint should be **DISMISSED** for his failure to comply with the Court’s Order and his failure to prosecute this action.¹

This Report and Recommendation (R&R) is submitted to the district judge assigned to this action, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and this Court’s Local Rule 72.3. Within 14 days of service, any party may file written objections to this R&R with the Court and serve a copy on all parties. The document should be captioned “Objections to Magistrate Judge’s Report and Recommendations.” Any request for

¹ If Plaintiff wishes to comply, the fourteen-day objections period, discussed below, affords him one final opportunity to submit the required forms and amended complaint. He must comply with all of the Court’s prior directions, and he must include an explanation for his failure to timely comply with the Court’s Order.

additional time to file objections should be filed with the Clerk for consideration by the assigned district judge.

After the objections period has ended, the Clerk shall submit this R&R together with any objections to the assigned district judge. The district judge will review the magistrate judge's findings and recommendations pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). The parties are advised that failure to timely file objections will result in the waiver of rights on appeal. 11th Cir. R. 3-1; *see Symonette v. V.A. Leasing Corp.*, 648 F. App'x 787, 790 (11th Cir. 2016); *Mitchell v. United States*, 612 F. App'x 542, 545 (11th Cir. 2015).

SO ORDERED AND REPORTED AND RECOMMENDED,
this 1st day of November, 2022.


CHRISTOPHER L. RAY
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA